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EXAMINER - Beisner

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SIRS:

Responsive to the OA of 11/30/04, please amend the above as follows:

Claims 1-49, previously cancelled.

Claim 50-67, cancel without prejudice

Add claims 68-83, appearing in the Appendix A-G.

Remarks

Claims 68-83 are now in the application. The previous claims have been cancelled to expedite prosecution, or amended to incorporate prior claims into the allowed claims and then renumbered.

ALLOWED CLAIMS, AND SUB-CLAIMS DEPENDED FROM ALLOWED CLAIMS

New claims 68-83, incorporate the substance of claims 51-58, 60-67. Of these claims 68, 70, 73, 74, 76, 78, and 81-82 are independent claims, and are allowed claims rewritten to incorporate therein the prior independent claims. Claims 69, 71, 72, 75, 77, 79, 80 and 83 are sub-claims depended from the allowed claims. Accordingly, All of claims 68-83 are allowed or allowable as being sub-claims from the allowed claims.

There being no further issues, allowance is solicited:

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AMENDMENT

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